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Dear Mr. McKee:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I would like to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of 14 December.

We have read your thoughtful comments with interest and appreciate your courtesy in writing to us.

Sincerely,

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Signed

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ASSISTANT to the Director

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

In the December issue of Readers Digest is a condensation of your address before the SFA in Detroit in August. The article is entitled, "We Can't Lick Communism Without Understanding It." The first sentence states: There is a dangerously complacent attitude among many people in the United States today.

My first experience with Communism was in 1927 when I heard an engineer for the Marion Power Shovel Company give a talk on his experiences in Russia assembling a large Marion power shovel. Even though I was only twelve, I was shocked at the deplorable living conditions of the Russian people under Communism.

In 1945 I entered the University of Washington on the GI Bill. For several months I ate my noon meal at the U.W.-Y.W. just off campus. I took no part in the con-versation at the large round central table, because it only took me a few days to realize that all the other students were ardent Communists and members of what was known as the Marxist Discussion Group. In the U of W Daily in the section devoted to campus groups and meetings, the Marxist Discussion Group always announced their meetings. When I attempted to place announcements of the meetings of the Young Democrats

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told that since these were political groups they would have to pay for space in the Daily. As a result, a letter to the editor published in the Seattle Times nearly caused me to be expelled from the University. In a letter in the Daily, I was invited to attend the meetings of the Marxist Group, without them realizing that I had been sitting in their midst for several months.

In freshman English, each student had to write a theme on any subject the student could choose. I chose the reporting of the trial of the eleven Communists in the movie industry. For material I used the New York Times, Time Magazine, and the Daily Worker. Whereas most students in the class presented themes of seven to ten pages, mine was forty-five pages. In class, forty-one of the forty-five themes were read in class. Mine was not. Also, I was the only student to receive an "A" for the assignment. The instructor explained that while my theme centered around the point as to how the trial was reported in different news media, many of the students would miss the point and would consider only the innocence or guilt of the eleven defendants.

Since then I have carried on a constant study of all the ramifications of Communism. I have read the works of Marx and Engels. I have read the Communist Manifesto. I

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have to follow the events that occur  
all over the world that have anything to  
do with Communism. And now, as I sit  
here writing this letter, I have a deep-seated  
depressed feeling of a man on the gallows  
with the rope around his neck and the  
trap-door about to be sprung from under  
his weighted feet.

This depression stems directly from my  
knowledge of Communism and the com-  
placency of the American public. I know  
that a "mountain of hard evidence" has  
passed over your desk. I know that  
there are Americans risking their lives  
this very moment to continue to build  
this mountain of evidence. I know  
the facts are spread all over the world  
for everyone to see.

And yet I read column after column  
in the Columbus Citizen Journal each morning,  
the Marion (Ohio) Star each night, and the  
Columbus Dispatch on Sunday about Liz  
Taylor's headache, Jerry Lucas's score  
in the Ohio State basketball games, the  
Linch-Tregoff murder trial, and the  
details of insignificant projects of garden  
clubs and young matrons societies. Even  
the details of the events in remote parts  
of the world that will, in the near future,  
burst into a flaming holocaust to  
endanger the lives of each and every  
American is passed over lightly on the  
front page or usually, if mentioned

at all, <sup>Approved For Release 2002/07/29 : CIA-RDP80B01676R003600150001-8</sup> is relegated to the back pages. Letters to the editor asking for a greater emphasis on the growing menace to the future of America are ignored. For instance, the most of the front page of the Marion Star today <sup>was</sup> was devoted to the drop in temperature to six below zero. My God!!! I knew it was six below.

But not one word was printed of the coup d'etat in Adis Ababa. While the radio reported no blood was shed, this event is of vital importance locally because Marvin Ludwig, a graduate of Harding High School and well known locally, is the general secretary of the YMCA in Ethiopia. The conjecture on the radio, <sup>as many of London,</sup> is that the son of Emperor Haile Selassie is only a front man for a group that has other plans for the future of Ethiopia. From my experience, the general attitude of all but about 50 of the 60,000 people <sup>in Marion</sup> County tomorrow morning will be, "So What?"

To me it is a tragedy that those persons such as yourself could not prepare plans to shock the American people into an awareness of the growing menace to the future of every citizen in this nation. The American public has become so self-centered and cynical that it would take more than the 1938 Orson Welles radio program of the invasion of the United

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masters in the Kremlin are depending on this cynicism, egotism, and complacency to accomplish their purpose. It is just as you, and every Communist document, states, without reservation, that the aim and goal of Communism is complete and absolute control of the world.

The only solution I see is for you and the staff of the CJA to map out a massive program of saturation of every single facet of news media in America. This would include not only the newspapers, radio, and television, but the movies, farm papers, trade magazines, union papers, comic books, and religious publications. The program will have to be tailor-made for each means of communication. Not only will the program have to be planned to reach the minds of every segment of society, but there must be a vigilant effort made to guarantee that each detail of the plan is properly presented to that segment of the society for which it is designed.

The plan must spare none of the sickening details of the atrocities which have been committed for the advancement of Communism. As an example, in the same issue of Readers Digest are "Terror in Tibet" by Lowell Thomas, "Flight to Guerrists in Soviet Russia" from the Christian

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"Science Fiction" from  
the New York Times Magazine. The CIA is going  
to have to keep banging away at the  
American public just as the Ohio State  
football team keeps slamming through  
the center of the line week after week,  
year after year. It is this constant and  
unrelenting, brutal, bruising ground  
attack that causes a sell-out for all  
home games by mid-August and a  
crowd of over 80,000 fans for every game  
for the past nine years.

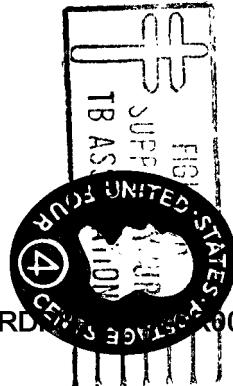
There may be time to awaken the  
public to the truth about Communism,  
but from the world situation as I see  
it, it might be too late. A good place  
to start is on Congress. Then the state  
legislatures must be alerted. Then the  
city councils, schools, college, and  
churches are going to have to be alerted.  
Only then will the public be roused out  
of their complacency and understand  
Communism so that it can be wiped  
from the face of the earth. Only then  
will the people of America understand  
why a young Hungarian couple who  
barely escaped the '56 Budapest bloodbath  
with their lives can continue to live  
because they found refuge in Marion, Ohio  
from Communism in Europe. Was their  
flight in vain, or are the American  
people also going to perish because they  
refuse to face the bloody sickening facts?

Sincerely yours  
Robert McRae

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Remarks:

The letter from Roland McKee and the letter from Dr. Zuzic have been reviewed and we find them to be of no substantive interest here.

Perhaps a pleasant, non-committal reply would suffice . . .

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